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"OPERATION SNOWCREW"

The Connecticut State Police put into place safety operations for the latest snowstorm. Additional Connecticut State Troopers have been assigned to each State Police Troop throughout the State of Connecticut. The additional manpower will supplement the regular patrol force. In addition to their regular duties all State Troopers will be patrolling the highways and roadways looking for stranded motorists and looking to remove abandoned cars or obstructions from the highway that will impede the Department of Transportation plowing operation.

Troopers will be on patrol during the morning and afternoon commute. All Motorists are reminded to drive defensively, reduce speed, and anticipate that traffic will be moving much slower in this winter storm.

The roadways are slippery and motorists are advised to exercise caution on all roads in the state. Motorists should also provide greater distance than normal between cars to slow or stop.

State Police suggest that everyone be sure your car is ready with proper tires, full gas tank and clear windows. Bring a cell phone fully charged and stay aware as to your location in case of an emergency.

Motorist should try to use major roads for travel and always let someone know your route of travel and estimated time of arrival.

Remember to use your headlights to make your car visible in bad weather; it is the law in Connecticut. If your car becomes disabled in a safe spot stay with your car don't try to walk to safety.

If you are involved in a car accident you must move your car from the travel portion of the highway to untraveled portion of the road if you can do so without causing more damage or injury.

State Troopers have investigated 80 storm related crashes 8 with injuries. In addition troopers have assisted 292 motorists who have become disabled in due to the storm.

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